



July 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Staff Council Members

Spencer Anderson

Clint Barber

Luke Bartlett

Kalieghe Belda

Deirdre Greene

Josh Marble

Heather Nicklies*

Mary Nunn

Jan Renusch

Jennifer Robbins

Tamela Smith, ED. D.

Jenny Toomey

Laura Upchurch

Candy Walker

Chonda White*

*not present for meeting

The Staff Council meeting opened with a welcome to Staff Regent Tamela Smith. She introduced herself and said she was looking forward to working with the council this second time around. Tamela stated that one of her forum questions was on how she would work with staff council. She asked that we keep her up to date on all areas and she will do the same. Tamela will be sworn in on July 24th.

Staff Council shirts were available for all new members. These were handed out at the end of the meeting. Staff Council members all discussed two options for council shirts. We are investigating a low cost t-shirt that could be kept by members of the council, since members currently do not keep the red WKU polo after their term ends, and providing an opportunity to purchase an upgraded shirt if they want.

Committee Assignments were discussed and those that had vacancies were filled. Committees are as follow:

1. Academic Calendar Committee- Jenny Toomey, Chonda White as alternative
2. Book Scholarship Committee- Heather Nicklies, Mary Nunn, Jan Renusch, and Jennifer Robbins
3. Budget Council- Deirdre Greene
4. Campus Library Advisory Committee- Josh Marble
5. Campus Master Plan- Josh Marble
6. Designated Smoking Area Committee- Deirdre Greene and Clint Barber
7. Diversity Committee- Josh Marble
8. Fall Break Brunch- Remove this as a committee; it will be added to all members responsibilities
9. Parking and Transportation- Luke Bartlett
10. Parking and Transportation appeals- four spots filled
11. Budget Committee- Deirdre Greene
12. Staff Leadership- Kalieghe Belda, Jenny Toomey, and Spencer Anderson
13. Staff Excellence- Josh Marble and Tamela Smith
14. Staff Council Satisfaction- Candy Walker, Deirdre Greene, and Mary Nunn
15. Staff Wellness- Laura Upchurch
16. Legislative committee- Clint Barber
17. Benefits committee- Deirdre Greene; pending HR approval: Jenny Toomey and Spencer Anderson

Anonymous Emails/Information update for the Website- no emails.

Staff Council members discussed the need to post Staff Council Meeting minutes and a suggestion/comment box at specific locations for the staff that may not have access to email. We will be scouting locations and make a decision at the next meeting as to how to implement these and where they need to be placed.

Discounts for WKU employees will be listed on the website under the condition that the business offering the discount is local. Any discount requests outside regional businesses will be discussed at the subsequent meeting.

Mentor Program- the discussion on the mentor program will be pushed until the August meeting when Chonda is available for discussion.

The Fall Break Brunch is the biggest function for the council and will be held on October 8th. Members are to start looking for donations from around campus and other businesses. The brunch will be discussed more in depth at the August and September meetings, along with a special called meeting before the brunch in October.

The Staff Council is looking to develop their focus in way of setting goals for the upcoming year. There needs to be a more specific mission statement and a clear list of purposes for the council. Each council member is asked to think of some ideas to meet these needs. This issue will be discussed in the August meeting.

For new business- Staff Council group picture will take place at the August meeting in the Board of Regents room in MMTH. There will be a special called election to fill the position vacated by Sara Hutchinson in the category of Professional Non-faculty.

The next meeting will take place on August 5th at 9:00am in the Regents Room in MMTH.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.